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Photo by Mark Arlike

Luke Doucet and Melissa McClelland share the microphone on one of their tender tracks.

Hikers discover the Haliburton Highlands

By Matthew Desrosiers

Pat Johnson has only been in the Highlands for a year. So when the opportunity arose to hike around the County during the Hike Haliburton festival last weekend, she jumped all over it. "I learned all types of interesting things about Haliburton," Johnson said after a busy weekend. "All the leaders were highly knowledgeable."

Johnson participated in the 'Can you dig it' hike in Tory Hill first, where she navigated private and Crown land in search of minerals. Her group consisted of six hikers, led by mineral enthusiast Jim Mercer.

She followed it up with a Saturday morning hike in hopes of 'Finding Harburn Wells', an afternoon on the 'Three Lakes Trek', and a 'Bog Discovery Hike' on Sunday to round out the festival.

"Everything was well-marked and the instructions were easy

to follow to get there," she said. "Everything happened the way it was supposed to. [It was] very well organized and very interesting."

She said all the hikes were very different from each other.

"I purposely picked ones that were different," she said. "Each one was unique in its own way and was very, very interesting. I wouldn't have traded any of them."

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Highlander news

Glebe Park to get \$25K facelift

By Will Jones

Following a "very positive response" at its recent public meeting, Jim Blake, chair of the Glebe Park Committee, came before Dysart council at its Sept. 24 meeting to present the Glebe Park Landscape Plan.

Flanked by landscape designer Jamie Lee Mason, Blake explained that due to the ever-increasing visitor numbers to the park, his committee felt the park required a facelift that would include new entrances, signage, boundary fencing and native planting.

"At the moment, the entrances look like you're going into the back end of a farm," said Blake. "We want to create inviting entranceways and good landscaping that will welcome people and make this treasure within our community even more attractive to both locals and tourists, year-round."

To this end, in 2011 the Glebe Park Committee commissioned Lee Mason to create a landscape design and produce a preliminary costing of the works required. Her plan was enthusiastically received by the committee and the estimated cost came in at \$25,600. The next and current step for the committee was to present the work to council, seeking approval to move ahead with the plan, and for funding through the Park Reserve Fund or other avenues.

Lee Mason talked councillors through the plan, discussing elements with them including the native planting scheme, new focal points such as a picnic area and the design of locally sourced, sustainable timber-framed entranceways.

Councillors asked numerous questions following the presentation, including how the new plan would ensure continued access for emergency vehicles, both to and through the park.

Blake and Mason explained their design had taken that into account and that while stopping regular vehicular access to the park, what were perceived as fences on the plan were actually gates for use by emergency services.



Photo by Matthew Dearosiers

This sculpture, "Nan", overlooks Glebe Field in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

"We will be happy to work with the roads department and ski school to ensure that the plan meets all of their needs," said Blake.

Councillor Susan Norcross asked if grants were available for that type of work.

"We are looking to council for funding but there are also other avenues such as the Trillium Foundation and grants connected with planting native species, which we'll look into," replied Blake.

Reeve Murray Fearrey was enthusiastic about the plan and in approving it stated that while other funding options should

be investigated, council would consider the funding within the 2013 budget.

On a related matter, Blake stated that following discussions, the committee had decided against proposing a dog park within the park.

"It's not that we don't welcome dogs into the park, because we do, but the park is used for skiing in the winter and so the logistics of erecting and removing fencing, coupled with a feeling that a dog park would not fit with our future plans, meant that we decided against recommending the inclusion of one".

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Highlander news

Community Living increasing presence in Minden Hills

By Mark Arke

Community Living Haliburton County is looking to strengthen its partnership with the Township of Minden Hills.

"We are starting to look at some services in Minden," said Tim Tofflemire, a representative for Community Living, at a Sept. 20 committee of the whole meeting. "We've done them sparsely in the past, but we really want to put a focus on it now."

In a letter to the township, Tofflemire states that Community Living is "interested in developing an ongoing relationship with Minden Hills."

"This relationship will help address community needs as well as provide some value-added services to the township," he said.

Community Living is a not-for-profit association that works with those in the community who have an intellectual disability.

"Our main focus is community integration," said Tofflemire. "We want to get people out in the community and give them some options."

Past partnerships with other organizations and municipalities, including Minden Hills, have included employment and social opportunities. Examples of employment include weekly paper shredding, filing, recycle, garbage, and property cleanup.

Community Living bills the business or municipality receiving the services and

pays the participating individuals.

Tofflemire told council that the organization would like to bring its members to Minden twice a week.

"We've secured a location at the Legion and the Anglican church to work out of."

Tofflemire made it clear that the organization isn't taking work away from anyone, and suggested a few ways participants could be of service.

"If there are some tasks that your staff can't do I may have someone who would be a wonderful fit. There are a lot of advantages to it other than just us helping out."

Councillor-at-Large Larry Clarke expressed his support for the organization's work.

"This is very much needed in the community," said Clarke, who suggested that Nancy Wright-Laking, the township's clerk and CAO, talk to the various department heads to determine what opportunities might be available.

"It's really exciting to hear that you're going to be spending two days a week in Minden now," said Reeve Barb Reid. "We hear the challenge and clearly there's an opportunity."

Tofflemire said the organization has an existing partnership with the township's parks and recreation department which has led to summer employment.

"We hope to continue that and expand," he said.

Taxi rank to be moved

The current taxi parking spot outside of the CIBC will be moved across the traffic intersection to opposite Subway, on the east side of Highland Street, following the completion of streetscape works.

The move comes due to drivers of large vehicles having difficulty turning from Maple Avenue onto Highland Street while cabs are parked in their current spot.

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Editorial opinion

Transit going nowhere

Having come from a city, I can attest to the importance of a strong transit system.

I've experienced the high-powered OC Transpo system in Ottawa and the unfortunately lacklustre system in Kingston, and I can tell you, that despite having my own vehicle, it's great to know that in a pinch I can still get around.

Looking around the Highlands, you'll find a number of people who either can't afford their own vehicle or would rather save the environment by keeping one more car off the roads and using alternative transportation (I'm looking at you, cyclists). So wouldn't a transit system here be just the thing we need?

Well sure, if it would work.

A Métis entrepreneur is in the process of trying to establish a transit system for the Highlands in time for the 2015 PanAm games. While the idea of a transit system is great, it's just not practical for us.

His idea is to charge fares, and have advertisements on the sides of his buses to support the business. These buses, of which he currently has none, would then travel the Highlands, carrying people wherever they want to go on either express or regular routes.

While the summer months are great for our local businesses, everyone knows the struggles they have in the off-season. So unless the plan is to offer the service only in the summer, he will be

hard-pressed to sell bus ads during the dark financial cold that is winter in the Highlands.

Despite the obvious need for transit, how many people are actually going to use the service? In cities, seniors are some of the most frequent users of transit systems. Here, however, you'd be asking our seniors to get to a bus stop, which would likely be on a main road because we can't expect buses to pick people up at home. But transit systems are convenient because they come close to your door, not because you have to walk to them.

As many seniors live on lake roads, they likely won't be walking three kilometres to the nearest bus stop in the dead of winter, or even the summer for that matter. So rule out the senior crowd.

How about teenagers? Surely they need transit. Except they're in school all day, and at night time, it's hard to foresee a big enough demand to sustain a business.

We could punch holes in this idea all day, but you get the idea. A transit system in the Highlands is an extreme challenge for a number of reasons.

The idea is great, but if I were looking for business ideas, I wouldn't touch this one with a 10-foot transit sign.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Photo of the week



Photo by Walter Griffin

Geese take a stroll to the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School field. Submit your photo of the week to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca

Dug in

There was never going to be a good time to do it.

No matter the season, digging up the main streets of the two largest towns in the Highlands was always going to be hard on businesses and an annoyance for the people who visit them.

True, by all accounts the workers have gone out of their way to be courteous and neat. They close only parts of the street necessary at any one time and show remarkable patience with the pedestrians and cars trying to get from here to there, ducking or veering under and between heavy equipment, often while it's in motion. Even so, a lot of businesses are having a rough time of it, and this after a rather lacklustre summer season — in economic terms — one of many recently. It has been some time since these parts have experienced any sort of exuberance.

In Minden, the construction had been planned as part of the municipality's regular routine of infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. In Dysart, the streetscape project was timed to take advantage of federal grants. In both cases, we have accepted the disruptions in the knowledge that future benefits will more than compensate. The question is, has anyone checked to see if that's true?

The streetscape project, particularly in Dysart, was based on the assumption that improving the look of the town will have economic benefits. Specifically, it is believed that a prettier main avenue will draw additional tourists and entice more potential cottagers and residents to make the move.

There's scant evidence for this assumption. True, people are attracted to beautiful places, but let's face it: no matter how much we improve our main streets, they have nothing on the forests and lakes nearby. People visit our towns for basically three reasons — because there's something to do, eat or buy. Cobblestones aren't going to change that equation.

It's no coincidence that the busiest restaurants in the county are also the ones



By Bram Lebo

that serve authentic, quality food. Or that the busiest weekends coincide with special events. People don't line up one-hundred deep at Kawartha Dairy because of the aesthetics.

Was there any analysis showing streetscape improvements to be the best route to economic growth, as compared to say, building housing in town? Or having more weekend events throughout the year? Or fine-tuning our marketing program, or offering incentives to those who settle here? Did Dysart proceed with the second year of construction, rather than postponing until more prosperous times, primarily because its grant is time-limited?

To invest millions in the belief it will have certain results, without checking to see if those results could be achieved in less expensive, less disruptive ways (or if better results could be had for the same investment) seems rather careless.

As for the timing, that too was based on an assumption: that there are few visitors in the fall and therefore businesses are unlikely to suffer an unusual drop in traffic. That flies in the face of what the tourism experts have been telling us — that the shoulder seasons (spring and fall) are where we can best grow the local economy. It also ignores very specific efforts to attract visitors this time of year, for example with the Studio Tour, Hike Haliburton and Colourfest.

Perhaps doing the work in summer, as disruptive to cottagers and visitors as it would have been, may have had less of an impact on business — because cottagers and visitors would have been here anyway. We'll never know.

No doubt most of us — including myself — will enjoy the improvements in both Minden and Haliburton. Whether they will lead to the anticipated economic benefits, however, is another question entirely.

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Letters to the Editor

Learn our lessons from prohibition

Dear editor,

I must say I was really amused reading Bram Lebo's The Green Reaper column in last week's paper. While I don't smoke anything, and only drink one glass of red wine with dinner, I have always believed pot should be legalized and sold in liquor stores, and individuals should be able to grow small quantities of it.

Being a teenager in the 60s when just about everyone

smoked it, I find it amusing as a senior today that they all still are. In my business if a drunk gets in they usually are noisy, want to fight, or puke on something. Then there was the one we put out who stood outside the door in front of all the customers and relieved himself. On the other hand, the pot smokers come in happy, buy lots of food to eat and smile quietly through the movie. No comparison as far as I am concerned.

Most distressing is the time and money wasted on trying to

eradicate pot that could be better spent on issues of vandalism, robbery, speeding, and other issues that concern property owners. These receive far too little attention from authorities. Prohibition didn't work with alcohol, and it doesn't work with pot. If the government and the police think they are winning... they are all related to Charlie Sheen!

Keith Stata
Kirumount

OPP speed enforcement a joke

Dear editor,

Normally I would just let sleeping dogs lie, but I got such a laugh from the reply from

Const. Sandy Adams, spokesperson for the Haliburton OPP detachment, with regards to the article in the Sept. 20 issue of the Highlander (see 'Residents concerned about road safety', The Highlander, Issue 50, pg. 11) that I just had to set a few facts straight, and counter several of her comments.

Adams was correct when she stated that "we find lots of infractions there."

The trouble is that there are seldom any tickets issued. In fact, I have been working on renovating my house over the past seven years, and so I have witnessed thousands upon tens of thousands of cars passing by my property over that timeframe. During the summer months, anywhere upwards of 1,100 cars a day pass by the front door and in the neighbourhood of 350+ speeding infractions occur and go unrewarded. During the summer of 2012, even after several requests for stationary radar enforcement which were ignored, only one ticket for speeding was issued in the immediate vicinity. Even if I missed 99 tickets that weren't issued, that means 24,400 other offenses went unenforced. That would be a record to be proud of!

She also mentioned that many of their cruisers are equipped with moving radar. That is commendable, but it is useless if they are not turned on or not acted upon. I witnessed two vehicles, each going in excess of 120 km/h, going northbound on Highway 35 at approximately 2:32 p.m. on Sept. 22 and the oncoming OPP cruiser didn't do a thing. Could it be that the moving radar was inoperable on that cruiser at the time? I am sure it was turned on, or was it?

Also providing another chuckle was the statement

that "it was not long ago when the speed limit along Kashagawigamog Lake Rd - east of Ingoldsby - was 80 km/h."

Well, if I am correct, the present speed limit is 50 km/h, and the old posted speed limit was 60 km/h, not 80. That speed limit was lowered, I am suspecting, because, in part, the Dysart Reeve lives on that road and he was getting lots of heat from his neighbours. The speed limit was changed at least two years ago. Gee, does it take more than two years of seeing the new speed limit staring you in the face to get it registered in the motorists' minds? Maybe that says something about the reading ability of the motorists.

In closing, the OPP community spokesperson, when it was stated "officers regularly enforce the law in Ingoldsby's Community Safety Zone" is impossible to swallow.

Driving through the safety zone once or twice a day, with the likelihood of having the moving radar turned off, is certainly not a valid justification for stating that you are enforcing the law.

In my mind, a Community Safety Zone is a Community Safety Zone, regardless of where it is located. Either you enforce it or you don't. The Community Safety Zone in Minden is enforced. The Safety Zone in Ingoldsby is ignored.

I do want to thank Const. Adams for providing me with a good laugh on a gloomy rain day. Anne Ptolmey stated that "she has noticed very little police presence." I am sure if you checked her eyesight, she is not legally blind, and neither am I.

I, for one, don't swallow the official response dreamt up.

Robert Barnett
Ingoldsby

Thank you from Katie's Run

Dear editor,

On behalf of the organizing committee of Katie's Run for Epilepsy, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the event this summer. The generous support from the people in our community and beyond is truly overwhelming.

The event held in honour of 16-yr old Katie Woudstra consisted of a 10K run and 2.5K run/walk. There were almost 100 participants, and an incredible total of \$15,868.38 was raised for Epilepsy Canada!

Katie's Run could not have been such an incredible success if it weren't for the hard-working organizers and volunteers, generous sponsors and donors, and dedicated participants. Thank you very much to everyone who was involved in this event!

Kara Pogue
Race Director, Katie's Run for Epilepsy

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Tell us your opinion
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I have to admit to only washing my car once this year (so far) and the colour I found beneath the dirt was not particularly fetching, so it has regained its fall colours rather earlier than most.

And let's not forget the drivers of these crud encrusted cars; the summer sun lovers whose skin is gradually fading from a golden glow to a subdued beige once again. It is as if this final blaze of colour around us leeches the luminosity from our bodies, borrowing our blushes for one last hurrah before we all step, big booted, into the whiteness of winter.

With this blaze of fall colour comes the alternative blazing orange of the hunt season, too. They may practice their sport deep in the bush, but when the hunters of our county descend on our villages they light up the town with their bright orange vests, fluorescent caps and often all too colourful language as well!

The fall colours are a wonderful sight no doubt but look to the less obvious and they become even more numerous and often more humorous. Red, yellow, green and gold, orange, pink and aquamarine; who knew there were so many hues to autumn in Haliburton County?

The Outsider — The other fall colours

What a wonderful time of year we are moving into. Gone are what a favourite author of mine calls the 'hard greens' of summer as we sashay into fall, accompanied by a blustery breeze and the odd soaking from a sudden shower.

But the weather is not the only change, and in Ontario it's not the most glorious of metamorphoses. No, as you all know, I'm talking about the fall colours. Red, yellow, gold, brown, orange, purple, turquoise, peach, fluorescent green... You still with me? You see, these are the alternative fall colours; the ones no less evident but sometimes not quite so immediately exhilarating, unless you stop to look, wonder and reassess.

The kids go back to school in the fall and on lunch break they stream from their classes into the villages. Not since the days of Duran Duran or Crochet and Tubs' linen jackets in Miami Vice have I seen so many pastel shades, so many mismatched bright hues. Not since my own now-distant youth in the mid-eighties, so many wondrous outfits designed to wow peers while leaving the rest of humanity scratching its head.

But puzzle as we may — tis always what the oldies have done about the young — this current crop of teenagers brings colourful clout to the downtown this autumn,

much more so than their black-clad Emo-entrenched predecessors did!

The village is not only brightened by the eighties inspired youth (do you think they know they're aping a fashion fetish first worn a quarter century ago?), look out also for the bright yellows and reds that currently adorn both Haliburton and Minden. The leaves of in-town maples? Maybe. But more noticeable are the myriad hard hats of contractors, the plethora of red stop signs and the giant, and very yellow, excavators tearing up and laying down our streets. An inconvenience no doubt, but look past the odd traffic jam and smile at the huge mechanical dinosaurs, dressed bright yellow, a colour designed to attract not bees like a flower but small boys, who stand and gawk with a wonder not yet fettered by everyday detritus.

With road works come humpy bumpy rippled up roads. Pot holes and puddles, a fall-time fixture as long days of sun turn to 'cloudy-with-showers'. But potholes are a fact of life in Haliburton County and puddles, well, as soon as it rains we can swim in the ones down my road. And that brings me to the autumnal browns, the many shades that cars take on as their new mud spattered paint jobs slowly disguise whatever hue each vehicle once was.

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: Will you take part in the 25th annual Haliburton County Studio Tour?



Donna Bisschop

Haliburton

My studio will be open at 140 Maple Avenue in Haliburton and I will be pleased to see anyone interested in thought-provoking and unusual artwork.

Deidre Hicks

Haliburton

I will take part in it for sure. There are a lot of talented artists in the area and the weather is perfect.



Ted Vasey

Ingoldsby

Yes we will. I like the craft places and the arts. The timing is perfect and this year's autumn colours are beautiful.



Wil Andres & Jacques Larroude

Holland & Blairhampton

Yes we will. We go to Ricki Woods and the artists in the Blairhampton area. We have done it before and it is great.

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Ignoring elected officials a mistake

Dear editor,

Thank you so much for your great coverage of our CARP Chapter Launch. It was considered to be a wonderful and exciting event by everyone who was involved, however there seem to be some misconceptions in regard to a couple of issues that we wish to address.

Firstly CARP, including our local Chapter 54, takes pride in the fact that we are a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization. There were a few people that felt that featuring MP Barry Devolin and MPP Laurie Scott as visiting dignitaries was a breach of this statement.

These individuals, along with County Warden Murray Fearney, were invited to participate because they are our duly elected representatives of the very governments that we will be dealing with in our efforts to improve and uphold the rights and interests of our membership. It doesn't matter what your political preference is, if you ignore those that have been elected to represent you because of the party they are affiliated with, you do so at your peril!

Your elected representatives are sworn to do their best for you whether you voted for them or not. It then follows that

they should be included in events of important significance within their riding, such as our Chapter Launch.

Secondly, as I said in my remarks at the beginning of the meeting, the misconception that the Aging Well Haliburton County organization was "folding their tent" is entirely wrong! We are most pleased that our board, to date, includes three of us from the Aging Well Haliburton County board, but that in no way suggests that we are trying to replace that organization. We are here because we felt that a CARP Chapter could be very effective in reaching some of their goals. We will be working in close harmony with Aging Well Haliburton County to achieve our mutual goal of making Haliburton County a great and welcoming place to "age well".

We hope this clears up any misconceptions that may have influenced anyone to join us or not in our future efforts. If anyone wishes to voice any further concern you may e-mail us at carp.haliburton@gmail.com

Bob Stinson
Chair, CARP Chapter 54

Provincial track record less than stellar

Dear editor,

The Liberals have now admitted costs associated with the Mississauga and Oakville plant cancellations. Forty-million dollars in unrecoverable costs and \$210 million to pay for the costs of the turbines and to store them. A further \$190 million costing taxpayers for the Mississauga gas plant cancellation. The initial cancellation was for Liberal votes in the last election and look where it has gotten all taxpayers.

Let's evaluate the Liberals' track record. E-Health scandal; Ornge scandal and massive increase in the provincial deficit all on the shoulders of taxpayers in the province of Ontario.

We are now told steps have to be taken to trim down the deficit. The ineptness and disregard for the public's money

was the fault of those who are supposed to work in the best interests of the people. I know one thing; these so-called intellectuals wouldn't handle their own financial affairs in the manner in which they have handled taxpayers' money.

I recommend eliminating perks, benefits, expense accounts and reduction in remuneration for provincial politicians to recoup a small portion of monies they squandered in the most irresponsible and inept manner possible. If the Liberals want to trim down the deficit, let them make their own personal sacrifices.

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Highlander news

Council debates the cost of road safety

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands councillors wrestled with the question of cost and appropriate road use versus safety at their Sept. 20 meeting, over a request to lower the speed limit on Big Hawk Lake Road.

A resident requested a reduction to 40 kilometres an hour from 60 km/h as he and others like to walk, run and cycle there.

Speed reduction is an increasingly common request in the township and across the county as residents pursue safe leisure use of their local roads.

"The posted speed limit is 60 km/h which I think is too high for the various activities that the road is used for," the resident wrote. "Often drivers far exceed the speed limit at the best of times."

The resident cited the 50 km/h limit on Little Hawk Lake Road and argued Big Hawk is "narrower, windier and has more pedestrian traffic" than Little Hawk, especially during summer when the river is used for recreation.

"Big Hawk road is 3.5 km long," Mike Thomas, operations manager, reported to council. "There are two picnic areas on this road that are fairly busy in

the summer months with the camp kids going tubing, and both these little parkettes are on corners, [and] the parking lots servicing these two areas are on the opposite side of the road."

He added the stretch also includes the log chute entrance and parking area, and a marina at the end of the road.

Reeve Carol Moffatt and Deputy Reeve Liz Danielsen had both driven the road several times to get a better perspective on the request, and both felt 40 km/h was too slow. However, they agreed the most populated stretch might benefit from a 50 km/h posting.

Thomas had driven the road and said he was comfortable at 40 km/h.

"To sign the road properly, it's going to be 14 signs and posts," Thomas reported. "You're looking at \$1,700 just for materials, so that would pretty much deplete the budget for signage for this year."

"It's a road," said Moffatt. "It's not a walking path, it's not a dog walk path, it's not a running track... We have to respect the multiple uses, and we have reduced the speed here because of the tremendous number of people who use [it]."

Moffatt suggested the township could consider posting

40 km/h through the populated area. However, she added posting 40 km/h signs won't make a difference to people who want to drive 80 km/h, and council is increasingly receiving complaints about the proliferation of billboards on county highways.

Thomas agreed there are too many signs, saying drivers are becoming oblivious to traffic signs because of this and so they mean nothing "except to the honest person."

"From the greater perspective, I have no idea how to address this because we're changing road speed signs on a case by case basis," said Moffatt. Because requests are increasing, she suggested a global perspective through a specific program.

Thomas said he wants to start a program next year, and Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle suggested it could tie in with a new Roads Management Plan as the current one expires at the end of 2013 and does not address speeds and signage.

"Even if we did nothing [about reducing the speed], we should put up some sort of people crossing signs prior to those [parkettes]," said Moffatt. "We just have to make sure we're doing the right thing for the right reasons."

Council voted to defer the request pending further investigation.

MNR relocation project back in gear

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands has a new reason to believe the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) fire services relocation to Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport is still in the works.

Reeve Carol Moffatt told council at its Sept. 20 meeting the township's new MNR contact has confirmed the project is before the Treasury Board. Moffatt said the MNR that is ready to "push the 'go' button" when

implementation of this new treasury board step in the MNR review process put the project on hold.

"He did say that as far as he knows, the project is still scheduled to begin in the fall of 2013," said Moffatt of the MNR contact. "He says as far as he's concerned it's a done deal [and] he said, 'I have the drawings on my desk.' It's just the delay of getting it through the Treasury Board process, so that's good news."

Moffatt said earlier news about the delay drew remarks from some that the project must have been shelved.

"I said to people, 'I'm sorry, but I still remain exceedingly confident that it's simply a new process of the internal machinations of the Ministry and I'm not concerned in the least.'"

Jet fuel sales at the airport have nearly quadrupled year-to-date over 2011, in large part because additional MNR fire service flights in and out of the county were required for crews to fight the numerous fires sparked during the summer drought.

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Highlander news



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It looks as if council will give Laurie Carmount, interim director of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, approval to apply for Canada Cultural Space Funding for upgrades to the common room. A decision should be made at the Sept. 27 regular meeting of council.

Funding would allow for Cultural Centre upgrades

By Mark Arike

Odds are good that Minden Hills will be applying for funding from Heritage Canada in an effort to upgrade the Cultural Centre's common room.

At a Sept. 20 committee of the whole meeting, Laurie Carmount, interim Cultural Centre director, recommended that council agree to apply for \$17,750 in Canada Cultural Space Funding and match that amount in money from the township's reserves.

"It [the common room] is being utilized more and more as a multi-purpose room," Carmount told council.

Carmount explained that Heritage Canada has been "very instrumental in increasing the institutional facilities in heritage and visual arts" through their funding program.

"They're really wanting to help us," she said.

Upgrades to the common room would include: gallery-quality lighting, two new glass doors for the entranceways, a humidifying and de-humidifying unit, museum quality display cases, 50 stacking chairs and a multi-media, ceiling mounted projector, sound system and smart board.

According to Carmount the work would

begin in the spring of 2013 and take four to six months to complete.

"These upgrades will allow the common room to offer more for community programming by bringing this space to a level where seminars can be held that generally require multi-media equipment," states Carmount in the recommendation. "It will enable staff to increase programming with workshops that include the Internet and interface with other leading technology..."

The funds the township would contribute would come out of the 2010 surplus. The money was originally allocated for repairs to the Cultural Centre building.

"I know our share of the funding was originally earmarked to deal with the water leakage and foundational issues, and we found a much more efficient way to deal with that," said Reeve Barb Reid, who asked if the old problems are a thing of the past.

"We've hopefully passed all of those big issues," answered Carmount.

Reid said that it's great to see the township "getting on the radar screen with Heritage Canada."

A decision on Carmount's recommendation is expected to be made at the Sept. 27 regular meeting of council.

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Highlander business

The shows will go on

By Matthew Desrosiers

After months of deliberation, the decision has been made to keep Highlands Cinemas open and convert four of its five theatres to new digital projectors.

Movie companies will no longer distribute film reels as of January 2013, forcing theatres like Highlands Cinemas to convert to digital or die. The cost of upgrading to the new technology is prohibitive for many independent theatres.

"It's unfortunate the original theatre is going to close," said Keith Stata, owner of Highlands Cinemas. "It's too much money."

The cost of purchasing and installing the four new digital projectors, along with associated renovation costs, are likely between \$275,000-\$300,000, Stata said.

"It's not just throw [the old ones] out and throw [the new ones] in," he said. "It's a little more complicated than that."

Stata said the final decision to stay open came as a result of community feedback.

"We've had a lot of letters from people," he said.

The outpouring of support resulted in Stata opening a separate account during the summer to accept donations to support the conversion. These were not solicited, but offered freely by the public. If the decision had been made to close the theatre, the donations would have been returned.

The company also received a \$50,000 grant from the Community Futures Development Group in Lindsay.

The decision to stay open will result in some changes at

the theatre, including possible increased prices, cutbacks and a reduction in the amount of different films shown as well as their run times.

"We have made a decision and we're going to do some different things in the theatre," Stata said. "We're going to have to be leaner and meaner, and work harder to see if we can make it work."

The theatre will also add some new features to try and generate income, such as a mechanical fortune teller and an Edison peep show (also known as a kinetoscope). You may also be able to get your picture taken with the alien in the museum.

"We're looking at some things to get a little extra revenue," he said.

However, despite these additions, the key to the theatres success will depend on the support of its customers.

"Now we need support more than ever," Stata said.

The theatre doesn't make its money from admission, but on concessions, he said.

"The thing that bothers me the most is that we didn't use to have a cheap night," Stata said. "The cheap night, where you give a discounted [admission] price, is the night [customers] smuggled the most material in."

Stata said he hopes the people who wrote in about the theatre will come out and support them in May when the theatre re-opens.

"It will be an experiment in process," Stata said. "We have to hope that people who want the theatre will support it."



Photo by Mark Arlike

Keith Stata, owner of Highlands Cinemas, stands next to a film projector which will be obsolete as of 2013.

Transit proposal fails

By Will Jones

He has no buses. He has no office. He has no license to operate. But that hasn't stopped Darren Parberry, president of Métis Transit, from visiting all four municipal councils in Haliburton County with plans to offer a community bus service.

Parberry presented his proposal to run a public bus service throughout Haliburton County to Dysart et al council at its Sept. 24 meeting. While being well-received by other municipalities, his ideas were met with a good deal of scepticism by the elected officials in Dysart, who rattled off numerous questions that Parberry struggled to answer with any authority.

"Have you got permission or a license from the Ontario Highways Transportation Board?" asked Reeve Murray Fearrey of the would-be transit operator. "Have you spoken to the carriers who hold the current license to operate in the county?"

Parberry responded, stating that he wanted to meet with all of the municipalities first before moving forward.

"Where are your offices? Where do you operate out of?" asked Councillor Susan Norcross.

"We're looking at a property in Peterborough County," said Parberry.

"If you're to be based there, will you have buses based here too, then?" asked Councillor Dennis Casey.

Parberry said he would base buses in the municipality but admitted he did not currently own any.

"We will buy buses, used ones," said Parberry.

"And what about routes?" pressed Casey.

Parberry explained that no routes had been planned because surveys of the local community's requirements had to be carried out first.

The Highlander learned that no company in the name of Métis Transit has been granted a license by the Ontario Highway Transportation Board.

Can-ar Coach Service, an operator who currently holds a license to operate a bus service in Haliburton County, was asked about Parberry's company.

"We are aware of Métis Transit and its plans to run hourly services often using back road routes," said Robert Peluso, Can-ar Coach Service operations manager. "We'd love to do this but there is no way that it could be run profitably, not at the rates that this company proposes to charge."

"We are not in the business of opposing transit plans in rural communities but I would have serious reservations about Métis Transit's business plan."

Reeve Fearrey also stated that there had been a local bus before.

"It was tried between Haliburton and Minden but failed due to lack of demand. People look to the council for guidance and I'm very wary of supporting this new scheme."

The Computer Guy Browser Wars

So which browser is the right one for you?

A huge number of people simply use the browser that comes with their computer: Internet Explorer on Windows, Safari on the Mac and Firefox on Linux. If you're one of the few, proud Chromebook users, your only choice will be Google's Chrome, and if you're using an iPad or other iOS device, you won't be able to choose any browser other than Safari. But desktop and laptop users still have a choice when it comes to their most frequently used app.

On what is still the most-widely used operating system, Microsoft Windows, you have a choice of five major players: the company's own Internet Explorer, Apple's Safari, Google's Chrome, Mozilla's Firefox, or Opera Software's chock-full-of-features Opera browser. Platforms other than Windows can't use Internet Explorer. Three of the browsers are available on all three major platforms: Chrome, Firefox, and Opera.

So how do you choose?

These days, the default OS browsers are all fast, have clean interfaces and helpful features like bookmarking. And they're all compatible with nearly any site you'd care to visit. The biggest differences are in support for the forward-looking HTML5 Web markup standard, hardware acceleration, and privacy tools.

In HTML5 support, Google's Chrome is the clear leader, at the back of the pack in this measure is Internet Explorer, though the upcoming IE10 significantly narrows the gap.

Hardware acceleration, which uses your PC's graphics processor to speed up many



browser actions, was introduced by Internet Explorer 9. Subsequently, Firefox and Chrome have implemented hardware acceleration, but in Chrome, I've only seen a performance boost with particular graphics cards. Safari has hardware acceleration only in the Mac version of the browser.

Every now and again, the topic of Internet privacy comes to the forefront. First was Internet Explorer, with its Tracking Protection. This allows users to subscribe to block lists, which simply won't give access to ad networks that try to exchange data about your browsing habits. Then Firefox came up with the Do Not Track header tag. This would be similar to the phone based Do Not Call lists, indicating your preference to the advertiser. But in testing, I found that IE9's method blocked interactions with third-party advertisers on sites I visited, while Firefox's didn't, even though I'd turned on its Do Not Track option. Chrome, Opera, and Safari have yet to implement any tracking protection.

I hope that gives you some ideas of what to look for when choosing a browser, but seriously, it's hard to go wrong. You're spoiled for choice when it comes to web browsing software these days. You'll find an unprecedented crop of fast, good-looking, compatible options at your disposal. And best of all, they're free for the trying.

For questions or comments, e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing.

Highlander arts

Inaugural Doors Open a win-win for township

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands township's first Doors Open event drew from 30 to 200 people to each of the 22 sites and will result in greater tourism, council heard at its Sept. 20 meeting.

"I think people embraced that event quite well," said Gord Henderson, Ward 1 councillor, who served as council lead on the two-day event on Sept. 15 and 16. "I got the feeling from everybody involved about the two days... [who] hosted it, they were glad they did it."

Henderson reported visitor numbers varied, with Dorset Museum recording the highest number of visitors at approximately 200.

Museums, churches, the Hawk Lake log chute, hiking trails, heritage resorts, two fire halls and the Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport were among the sites participating in the annual provincial cultural event that occurs over several weekends in various municipalities.

Visitors to the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre could add a brush stroke to the A.J. Casson mural being created for the centre's exterior by Group of Seven outdoor mural artist Gerry Lantaigne with local artist Janine Marson.

Response to the painting opportunity was "absolutely fabulous" with approximately 140 visitors attending, said Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle. Retired CBC producer Bob Hilscher, who is creating a documentary on Casson, filmed the event and posted it on YouTube.

Casson stayed at the Blue Spruce Resort during his Oxtongue painting days and the resort presented several Casson documents for public viewing, along with a portrait of Casson by Marson.

Stouffer Mill Bed & Breakfast Getaway was "really, really



Photo submitted by Marlene Kyle

Gerry Lantaigne from the Group of Seven Outdoor Gallery shows an Algonquin Highlands Doors Open visitor how to add a brush stroke to the A.J. Casson mural he is creating for the Oxtongue Lake Community Center.

over the top with the numbers of people who dropped by there to have a look-see and get the tour," said Henderson.

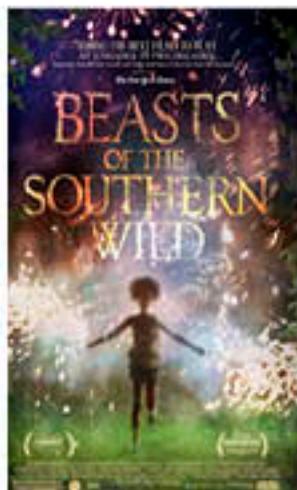
Reeve Carol Moffatt noted several visitors she spoke to had picked up brochures and said they would definitely return to stay at the Mill.

At a recent municipal cultural planning project meeting,

"the planner said that the lodges and resorts are one of the biggest assets we have," said Kyle. "[People] go out, they see the area, and often they'll come back and stay again or buy property, so it's sort of a win-win for everyone."

On behalf of council Moffatt thanked the committee and Henderson for his work as lead on the large project.

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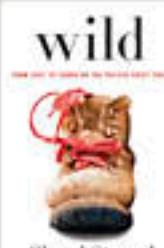


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The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James
2. *Trust Your Eyes* by Linwood Barclay
3. *Stray Bullets* by Robert Rotenberg
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5. *The Beautiful Mystery* by Louise Penny



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1. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
2. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *Thinking Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton

Linwood Barclay is back with his latest thriller and, as we expected, it has soared in popularity – although not to *Fifty Shades of Grey* heights quite yet!

Trust Your Eyes follows a schizophrenic man named Thomas Kilbride who is obsessed with online map surfing (think Google Maps Street View). One day, while virtually walking the streets of New York City, he comes across a window where it appears a woman is being murdered. It turns out that he has stumbled upon a deadly conspiracy – but who will believe him?

Thomas's brother, Ray, takes care of him, cooking for him, dealing with the outside world on his behalf, and listening to his intricate and increasingly paranoid theories. When Thomas tells Ray what he has seen, Ray humors him with a half-hearted investigation. But Ray soon realizes that this conspiracy is indeed real and now the brothers are caught in the crosshairs. You can reserve this title at your library.

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A new book club (a "themed book study group") is starting at the Minden Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. The first meeting will be Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. Call 705-286-2491 to register.

Highlander arts



Photo by Mark Arke

This year's Colourfest coordinator, Gail Stelter, is looking forward to embracing the fall season come this Saturday.

Colourfest fun for all

By Mark Arke

Despite ongoing streetscape construction work on Highland Street and unpredictable weather, Gail Stelter is determined to deliver family fun for everyone at this year's Colourfest.

"Everything is done and it feels really good," said Stelter, coordinator of the fifth annual event in an interview last week.

The all-day festival, which is being hosted by the Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area (BIA), will take place this Saturday (Sept. 29) and will feature a wide-variety of entertainment, activities and attractions for all ages.

When she first took on the role of organizing Colourfest, Stelter had concerns about the main street construction project and the impact it could have on the event.

"At one point when I spoke to the director of public works, Brian Nicholson, he said, 'I'm not sure you can put all that stuff on Highland Street,'" she said.

To ensure that things run smoothly, Stelter e-mailed all 25 entertainers scheduled to perform on Highland Street to make them aware of their location and the possibility of changes.

"Two days before Colourfest I will visit the street and if we need to move a performer we will," she said. "But our basic philosophy is we're going for it."

During the day, parking will not be available on Highland Street. However, the street will be open to traffic.

Last year the BIA received funding from a Celebrate Ontario grant in the amount of \$27,000 – more than Stelter's entire working budget for this year. But by being upfront with this year's talent and members of the business community, Stelter has managed well with what she calls "a meager budget."

One of her decisions was to approach the many not-for-profit community groups and organizations in the county for help.

"I wanted them to use this as an opportunity – when all the visitors and people are in town – to promote the work they do and do some fundraising on the side too."

To date, 25 not-for-profit groups have signed up.

This year's Colourfest will include three distinct venues in the Village: Head Lake Park, the Haliburton Home Hardware/Halco Plaza and Highland Street.

"Bringing it back to Highland Street was a really important goal of the BIA as well as mine."

Buskers will dominate Highland Street while headliner entertainment will take centre stage at Haliburton Foodland and the band shell in Head Lake Park. By teaming up with Community Care Haliburton County, the addition of attractions at Halco Plaza was made possible.

"We are working with Community Care to host the vintage car show, a barbecue and provide entertainment from Gord Kidd and the 50/50 Rocking Country Band." Stelter also saved on costs for kids' activities by getting volunteers to host them.

"Food for Kids is going to have a fish pond on Highland Street, Canoe FM is going to have minnow races, the hospital gift shop is going to have a ring toss game and there's more."

The Iams pet contest will once again return to Head Lake Park with celebrity judges from Canoe FM. While in the park visitors can check out the new Colourfest farmers' market, and take in the fall colours by going on a free pontoon boat ride on Head Lake courtesy of Haliburton RPM.

Those who come to the event and visit participating businesses will have a chance to win big at the Colourfest prize tree – another new addition.

"We have developed something called the Colourfest passport," explained Stelter. "We have 20 of our sponsors listed on the passport. You'll get a passport when you come to Colourfest and you'll have to get it stamped by visiting these sponsors."

Once fully stamped, a visitor will return their passport to the visitor information centre where they will have the chance of winning over \$500 in gift cards and prizes.

"The idea is to bring visitors into our stores."

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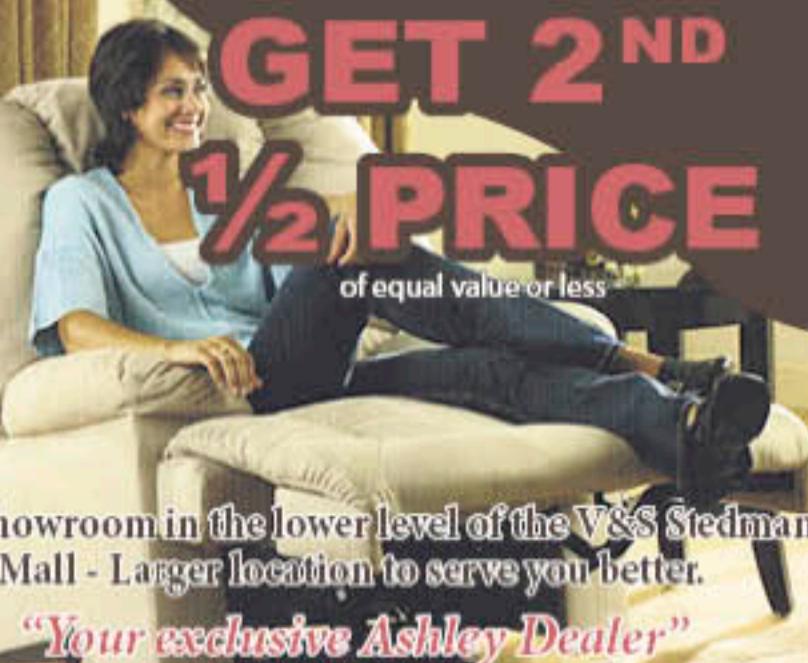
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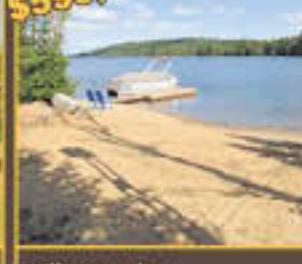
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Highlander outdoors



Hiker excited for next year's festival

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She also picked hikes that were hard to get to or on private land, so she saved the public land hikes for her own adventures.

"I'd like to do some more hiking because I like the Ontario countryside."

During the Three Lakes hike, she met celebrity hiker Jason Fowler, a studio musician, who was participating in the hike as well.

"That was a nice surprise."

She also met Dave Lownie, curator of collections for Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, and his comrade from

Belgium, on the 'Can you dig it?' hike.

Now living in Minden, Johnson said she's excited for next year's festival to learn more about the county.

"[I'm excited to] find out about Haliburton and the uniqueness of it," she said.

She'd like to venture farther afield and learn the little bits and pieces that makes the county so interesting.

"I'm just starting out in all this, so anything is going to be of interest to me, pretty well."

The Hike Haliburton festival also hosted the bands Whitehorse, the Wolfgang Brothers and Cameo Blues in concert throughout the weekend.



Photos by Matthew Deerosiers

Top left: Hikers met David Lownie of Wayne State University during their hike. Above: Hike guide Jim Mercer leads his group up a hill in search of minerals.

Rocks and such

With planting matters well taken care of in your landscape, what's next?

You do the same as you do inside the house, with that unique vase or bold throw rug; you personalize your space. Consider, in a way, that the shrubs, trees and grasses are the décor for your garden. What's missing? Well of course, the accessories!

It's hard to define what an accessory is, or what exactly it does. So let's not worry about semantics and get on with the task. I think it's about you feeling good about your garden, or entrance or rear patio, and trying to personalize it with a thing or things that you cherish or that simply look good to your eye. Whether it's a funky old tree stump or a metal sculpture or even something that you have built, if it's got some of you in it, then why not show it off? But how do you do this?

First, you must provide a setting for your 'thing'. Decide where it will go to best show it off. It does not have to be too obvious; sometimes the most interesting things are those that are partly hidden, thereby imparting some mystery. If you must insist on using that garden gnome, maybe he's best peeking out from behind a tree. What do you suppose he's

up to? Once located, provide some low level planting such as ground cover or grasses. If your 'thing' is small then try to group it with similar things or complementary garden items.

Secondly, as I related in a previous column, be bold. Add colour with flowers or add a bed of beach pebbles. A lot of attempts at displaying an artifact in one's garden do not succeed because the person was afraid to be bold in the presentation. After all, it's your garden and your 'thing', so if you are going to show it off, do it with flair.

Rocks come next. It's Haliburton, so what do we do with all these dam rocks? Can't burn 'em. Can't take 'em to the dump. Can't give 'em to the neighbours. How about a yard sale? But seriously, if you have been blessed with an abundance of rocks, or would like to use them as decorative elements, then here are a few tips.

Large round rocks are meant to appear as emerging from the ground, as if they are an extension of the bedrock. They should be one third buried for best effect. Do not sprinkle them on top of the ground like pepper from God's peppermill. Large rocks can be grouped (remember the rule of three) for large areas and then planted up with grasses and perennials.

Landscape matters

Be careful using shrubs with rock groupings because shrubs will generally overgrow all but the largest rocks.

Smaller rocks of all sizes can also be used in the garden for mulch in planting areas or to create the effect of a dry riverbed. When considering how to drain your property, a riverbed with rocks will look better and outperform a grass swale. And chances are you won't be saddled with as much maintenance. These same smaller-sized rocks are also great for creating low dry laid stone walls. Dry laid means no mortar. These walls are meant to replicate the stone walls that farmers used to build as a way to remove stones from their fields and you can use them effectively to define a space in your yard. Again, don't be shy in your application of rocks in the landscape.



By Terry Twine

This is the last *Landscape Matters* column of 2012. Look for the column again next year as we continue to explore the landscapes that matter to you.

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Highlander environment

CHA chair is 'scared as hell'

By Lisa Harrison

Ontario has a sewage crisis, Haliburton has passed Muskoka in shoreline denaturalization, and budget cuts are severely impacting environmental protection methods leaving laypeople to shoulder greater responsibility for ensuring healthy lakes.

Lake stewards with the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) heard these themes from various speakers at their Sept. 22 meeting at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery.

"I'm scared as hell about what's going on," CHA Chair Paul MacInnes told the more than 50 attendees as he opened the meeting. "So much of what we value on these lakes is threatened."

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has 32 county lakes on a watch list for rapidly dropping oxygen levels, and recent testing in Lake Kashagawigamog revealed three "dead holes" that support no aquatic life, MacInnes said.

A member of the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council (HHSC), MacInnes said he expects the council's budget to be cut by up to 90 per cent this year.

"As these threats increase, more and more of the work, if we want to do it, will fall on the people in this room and their lake associations," said MacInnes. "So today is solutions day. You guys and ladies are the Clark Kents of the world. You're the super-people, and as I've said to you many, many times before, everybody in Haliburton County owes you people a vote of thanks... This is what lake stewardship is all about – the chance to make a difference."

"Ontario has a sewage crisis," said septic expert Rob Davis of EcoEthic Inc., quoting provincial estimates that 18 billion litres of treated, semi-treated and untreated sewage enters the Great Lakes basin every day, and that sewage disposal has one of the largest negative impacts on the cottage environment [of any practice].

Davis called Kashagawigamog "a canary in the coal mine" for lakes upstream. He advised proper septic care can eliminate toxic nutrient outflow and reduce pump-out frequency, thus reducing costs to both the environment and the property owner.

Among his many tips: ensure the solids baffle is plastic so it won't corrode; redirect softened water to a grey water pit since salt kills necessary septic bacteria; eliminate antibacterial products; and choose additives carefully as some actually cause problems.

Leora Berman, managing director of The Land Between



Photo by Lisa Harrison

Paul MacInnes, chair of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations, sells a CHA-endorsed septic treatment to Ben Teskey of the Oxtongue Lake Ratepayers Association.

and owner of Aquatilus Consulting, said Kashagawigamog has the most developed shoreline in the Highlands, and the county now has more developed shoreline than Muskoka, a minimum of 24 per cent with six per cent unknown.

"We're in very bad shape," said Berman.

At least 70 per cent of a lake's shoreline must remain natural at least 100 feet in from the high water mark to create healthy food chains, fisheries and wildlife corridors, provide essential water filtration and erosion control, and act as buffer zones and pest deterrents, said Berman.

When naturalizing shorelines, set goals and consider the soils, water/wave patterns, erosion and deposition (silt deposit) zones, hard and soft edges and aesthetics to attract beneficial wildlife and deter harmful wildlife, Berman advised.

MacInnes told attendees the CHA will facilitate the purchase of native plants for shoreline naturalization, with orders due by January. The CHA is also endorsing a product for the

first time – septic additive EcoEthic Septic System & Drain Treatment – with plans to facilitate sales to support better septic care.

Articles on water testing and quality, keeping a lake log and fireworks were provided to attendees and will be posted on the CHA website at www.cohipoa.org. Given sufficient resources, the CHA plans to create a Lakefront Owners Guide covering more than 50 topics.

"We have a big appetite and big ambitions, because there's a lot that needs to be done," said MacInnes.

The event was filmed by the HHSC and the film is scheduled for posting on the CHA website in January.

The CHA represents more than 40 county property owners' associations, which in turn represent property owners on more than 50 lakes. Among its many activities are member information sessions. Lake stewards committee members collect and track lake health data through measures such as water testing.

Council wary of blanket solar resolution

By Mark Arke

Minden Hills councillors are consulting with township staff before deciding whether or not they should support two resolutions regarding solar energy projects.

At a Sept. 20 committee of the whole meeting, council was approached by Kyle Rees and Renee Schmidlechner of Renewable Environmental Energy Services Inc. (REES) about getting a blanket resolution for their submission to the Ontario Power Authority's (OPA) Feed-in Tariff program (FIT), as well as a resolution in support of a solar project located on a 100-acre property near Minden's transformer station.

In an e-mail to council, Schmidlechner states that the window for FIT applications is expected to open on Oct. 1 and close on Nov. 30.

"Due to the short window and its opening in just four weeks, we require a council resolution as soon as possible," she said in the Aug. 27 e-mail. "We require a month's time to prepare for the OPA window to prepare the applications, legal documents and financing agreements. We do not want to miss this window as our financier will not invest in next steps without your blessing."

Rees told council his company currently has 56 projects "all over the Haliburton area."

"We rent the land and we place 500-kilowatt systems on these lands," he said, adding that no more than three acres of land is allocated for the projects. In exchange for leasing out their land for a period of 20 years, the landowner receives a revenue stream of \$16,000 per year," said Rees.

Councillor-at-Large Larry Clarke asked Rees what value a resolution from council would offer.

"We really don't need a resolution, to be perfectly clear," said Rees. "However, there's a point system in place for awarding contracts with the OPA. So the more points you have the more likely you are to get a contract offer from the OPA for the project."

A resolution from council would give Rees' application two points.

Ward 3 Councillor Jean Neville asked Rees if his company would be maintaining the property around the solar project.

"Where the panels actually sit, the only maintenance is some snow clearing and the removal of weeds," he said.

"We're hoping to eventually hire local people to do a lot of that work."

Reeve Barb Reid informed Rees that his request is not the

first of its kind to come to council.

"We're going to have to refer your request back to staff because we have not been advised by the OPA or the provincial government that anything has changed... We have not been told that we have a role to play in this," said Reid. "We've also been told that public consultation is required for approval of these projects."

Reid asked that township staff first determine if nearby property owners would be able to see the installation on the property in question.

"If the answer is no, then I think that would certainly help staff recommend to council that perhaps approval should be given," she said.

Reid said she was concerned about the term 'blanket approval' for the other resolution.

"We're not in a position to give a blanket approval for green energy projects in Minden Hills because they're very site specific."

Reid asked staff to prepare a recommendation for a Sept. 27 council meeting.

Highlander sports



Red Hawks unable to overcome early deficit

By Warren Riley

You win some and you lose some.

That's the name of the game for the Haliburton Red Hawks Girls Senior Basketball team after winning a 'jaw-dropping' 30-13 opener at Brock High School on Sept. 24 only to drop a tough 36-21 loss to the St. Thomas Aquinas Titans on Sept. 25.

As an optimist, Coach Sharon Dibblee was hoping for the same results against the Titans but that wasn't to be. At one point, being down by a score of 17-5, the Red Hawks valiantly fought back hoping for a win.

"The girls had a shaky first half, they got rattled which showed and it took them a while to settle down," said Dibblee. "But, they came back a lot stronger in the second half."

"They [Titans] had a height advantage over us and they also have five club players on their team which you know is good for them and a bit of a challenge for us," Dibblee added.

The loss to the Titans was not discouraging to either Dibblee or her team. Dibblee was extremely pleased with her team's performance.

"The girls worked hard and I'm very proud with how much effort they put into the game," she said.

Photo by Warren Riley

The Red Hawks Senior Basketball team, pictured here, includes #1 Casey Pringle, #2 Kayla Gardiner, #3 Alex Litwin, #4 Jessica Rider, #5 Cierra Hurley, #10 Romina Sabando Pinargote, #14 Kirsty Cook, #15 Kendall Harrison, #23 Maia O'Sullivan, #25 Jaimie Dack, #33 Kayla Shore.

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Highlander sports



Photo by Warren Riley

Haliburton Highlands Red Hawks Gordon Howe (centre) scores against the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Lindsay.

Red Hawks lose to Lindsay 'Titans' 6-2

By Warren Riley

The Haliburton Highlands Red Hawks Boys Senior Soccer team couldn't get it done Tuesday against a tough Titans squad.

"Coordination among teammates and evaluating how the opponent thinks and executes patterns is all part of the learning curve," said Coach Rob Gibbons.

"We played slow today and with less confidence. They [Titans] carried the ball differently than us by having four

defenders every time. We need to carry the ball more and trust our skills to make things happen; that's what we are going to be looking at to make ourselves play more professionally."

The action was intense from start to finish with several throw-ins and side-kicks. The ball never stayed in one end for very long as each team had numerous scoring opportunities and used them to their advantage.

"We are going to concentrate on individual ball handling skills and we need to work more as a cohesive unit," Coach Gibbons said when asked what he felt his team needed to

improve on. "Unfortunately, we in the county don't have a high level soccer league so we are a little bit behind in that respect. My players don't know each other very well yet and don't know where their teammate is going to be. We just need to play more and be more confident in their ability to handle the ball and move it forward."

Gibbons' aspirations are to advance his team's performance and scoring abilities through the sheer talent his players are beginning to demonstrate.

Dysart ball field will be converted to ice rink

By Will Jones

Haliburton village is going to get an outdoor ice rink this winter.

With no ice in the arena until January at the earliest, Dysart et al staff put forward the idea of building an outdoor rink next door on the baseball diamond. Council thought this a good idea and approved the plan at its Sept. 24 meeting.

"The repairs to the arena are moving along as planned but to keep the spirit of skating alive in the village this winter we thought an outdoor rink would be a good idea," said Ray Mischio, director of parks and recreation.

The rink will benefit from lighting, seating and washroom facilities, and, weather permitting, it will be used for the 2013 Frost Festival.

"It's a good idea," said Reeve Murray Fearrey. "We've got the lights, the zamboni... It's a much better location than the lake."

On approving the rink, Fearrey rolled his eyes and joked: "Now all we'll have to deal with is one kid with a hockey stick, [and] another one without."

Scheduling for use of the rink by the public and local groups has not been planned as yet. "We've approved the rink and now that's done staff can begin to consider the construction and day-to-day running of it," said Fearrey.

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Highlander health

Stroke survivors are not alone

By Matthew Desrosiers

It's hard feeling alone.

One day you're healthy. You can walk, talk, do things that everyone else does. The next, and everything you know, the things that made you who you are, are taken away from you.

That's what a stroke can do to you. And it's all-too-easy to crawl into a hole and hide.

But if you've suffered from a stroke and feel this way, Lois Rigney and the Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group want you to know you aren't alone.

"Our job is to get the people from not having another stroke to getting them out in the community and getting out socially," Rigney said. "If they can't get past where they are, learn to accept where you're at and get on with the rest of your life."

"That's easy for me to say, but it's hard for people to do."

It's common for stroke survivors to feel angry and depressed, but if they stay in that state of depression, it's not healthy, she said.

Rigney hosted a discussion on depression during one of the group's meetings, and a member said he didn't know he was depressed until that talk.

Meetings are designed to help with both physical and emotional support, she said.

"It's to prevent a second stroke."

They get out socializing, but also talk about taking medication, going to their doctors on a regular basis, and sometimes they will do exercises.

"Physical activity is very important," she said. "Just plain walking."

The support group doesn't take itself too seriously, Rigney said. What they do is very important, but it's equally important to have a laugh or two along the way.

"Laughter is the best medicine," she said.

Rigney said it's important for stroke survivors to know their disabilities and emotional distress is normal.

"They feel it's not them," Rigney said.

"This is what a stroke can do to you, and therefore these people are out there, in public, socially doing what people without strokes do. Just having a normal existence. That's so important."

"I could be disabled, but I'm able to get out and do what I can."

When Rigney hears of a new stroke survivor, she'll sometimes call and offer the support of the group.

"It's a very private thing, people's health," she said. "We respect that, but we keep trying. When I talk to them on the phone, and they might bring out some issue that they have, I [can] say, 'but you're not alone.' This group is going through all the same issues and it's important to share them and find out this is normal."

The group also supports caregivers who look after their loved one who have suffered a stroke.

Oftentimes, stroke survivors lose their driver's license because they are susceptible to having another stroke. As a result, the caregivers will often provide rides.

Rigney's husband, Ross, suffered from a stroke in 2005.

"From 2005 to 2011, I had to drive Ross everywhere, or have a friend pick him up,"



Photo submitted by Shannon Robinson

Lois Rigney (left) and Anne Culver cut the cake during the Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group's 5th anniversary celebration.

she said. "If he needed his hair cut or had to go to the dentist, I had to drive him."

"The caregivers give up a lot of their life to do these things."

Rigney started the support group in 2007 with Shannon Robinson, after witnessing her husband's frustration and anger over not having enough support.

"There were no peer support groups [for stroke survivors]," she said. "Ross was already in a prostate support group, so we knew what support groups did for people."

Robinson heard about the need for a support group, called Rigney and together they launched the group.

They meet every third Wednesday of the month at the Fireside Lounge at Hyland Crest in Minden. Over its five years, the group celebrated their 5th anniversary on Sept. 20, their membership has grown from 12 to 20 people, including survivors and caregivers.

"The big thing we work on is getting you out into the community again."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTERGREEN PANCAKE BARN...HARVEST SOCIAL

Sat. Sept. 29 & Sun. Sept. 30 (Studio Tour Weekend)

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Don Popple (left) co-chair of the HHHSF campaign for palliative care and Dale Walker (centre) HHHSF executive director, accept a cheque from Gary Moffatt, Case Bassie and Kim Stamp or the Soyer's Lake Ratepayers' Association.

HHHSF receives \$1,000 for palliative care

By Matthew Desrosiers

Although the campaign hasn't been launched yet, funds are already coming in for the new palliative care unit at Haliburton Hospital.

Dale Walker, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), accepted a \$1,000 donation for the palliative care campaign from the Soyer's Lake Ratepayers' Association on Sept. 20.

"It's all about improving end of life care and it's as much for the family as it is for the patient," Walker said. "It will be divided from

the hospital, but our nurses and doctors will of course have good access to it."

The new unit will be approximately 1,000 square-feet, have two suites, a family room and a kitchen. There will be a separate entrance for family so they can come and go.

Walker estimated the project would cost around \$600,000.

"We've started to raise funds already, but we will not be publicly launching the campaign until the spring."

To date, the Soyer's Lake Ratepayers' Association has contributed \$9,300 to the HHHSF.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

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				•			Wii	Comm. Care Halliburton	9:30 a.m.	705-457-2941	Join us every Tuesday
				•			Chair Yoga	Dysart Library	2 p.m.	705-457-3121	No experience required
•							BBQ Beef Dinner	St. George's Anglican Ch.	5 & 6:30 p.m.	705-457-2074	\$15/adult, \$5/kids under 12
				•			Community Drum Circle	Rails End Gallery	6:30 p.m.	705-457-2339	By donation. All welcome.
•	•						Halliburton Highlands Radiothon	222 Highland St.	6-6 p.m.		Listen to CanoeFM and MooseFM
				•			Studio Tour Luncheon	Maple Lake United Ch.	11:2 p.m.	705-286-2130	Hwy 118 and Airport Rd.
				•			Meet the nurse	Ontario Early Yrs Centre	10 - noon	705-457-1991	Various nurse services for babies
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							Musical Afternoon	Stouffer Mill B&B	2 - 4 p.m.	705-457-3919	Mulled cider and refreshments
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•	•	•	•	•	Lunch Menu	Minden Branch 626	Noon to 2 p.m.	705-286-4541	Every Monday - Friday	
				•	Euchre	Minden Branch 626	1 p.m.	705-286-4541	Every Tuesday	
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•					Euchre	Minden Branch 626	7:30 p.m.	705-286-4541	Every Thursday	
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				•	NFL Football on the big screen	Minden Branch 626	12 p.m.	705-457-2571	Food available, every Sunday	
				•	Bid Euchre	Haliburton Branch 129	1 p.m.	705-457-2571	Every Wednesday	
				•	Bingo	Haliburton Branch 129	7 p.m.	705-457-2574	Every Wednesday	
					Pancake and Sausage Breakfast	Wilberforce Branch 624	8-11 a.m.	705-448-2221		
					Ham and Scalloped Dinner	Wilberforce Branch 624	5-7 p.m.	705-448-2221		
				•	Bid Euchre	Wilberforce Branch 624	7 p.m.	705-448-2221	Every Monday	
				•	Darts	Wilberforce Branch 624	7:30 p.m.	705-448-2221	Every Wednesday	
•					Pool	Wilberforce Branch 624	1:30 p.m.	705-448-2221	Every Friday	
•					Jam Session	Wilberforce Branch 624	7 p.m.	705-448-2221	Every Friday	
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ACROSS

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- Pound sound
- Room
- Wander off
- Brief play
- Baby grand, e.g.
- Gallery exhibit
- Mediocre grades
- Worn out
- Shopping bag
- Having rows of holes
- Range
- "Cheers" bartender
- Frying
- Methods
- Louisiana marsh
- Desist
- Flower part
- Musician ___ McEntire
- Levin and Gershwin
- Passion for travel
- Wrestling duo (2 wds.)
- Mrs. Roosevelt
- Evaluation
- Singer ___ Turner
- Exhibit
- Flag-maker ___ Ross
- Comic ___ O'Donnell
- Diner
- Gathered
- Sheep's cry
- President after HST
- Towering
- New Year's Day promise
- Biblical pronoun
- Green shade
- Harry Potter's tool
- Thanksgiving dish
- Fathers
- Bullying cities
- Has dinner
- Between continents
- Microbe

DOWN

- Startle
- Moisten while cooking
- Coffee vessel
- Miesel bread
- Distinct times
- License plates
- Adam's home
- Seah
- Laundr
- Military supplies
- In a while
- Army division
- Male offspring
- Platter
- Curvy letters
- Mama sheep
- Boyfriend
- Shabby
- Nebraska metropolis
- Capital of Oregon
- Small landmasses
- Higher than
- Fables
- Greek deity
- Sub-store
- Watch face
- Over
- Goals
- Knight's title
- Couple

Last week's puzzle solutions.

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Lions club supports guide dogs

By Mark Arike

Minden resident Bob Wing considers his daughter's seizure response dog a lifesaver.

"Whenever she's about to have a seizure, the dog recognizes it by the aura that she gives off," Wing told participants in this year's Purina Walk for Guide Dogs on Sept. 23. "The only time he will bark when he has his harness on is when Janice is about to have a seizure."

Wing recalled a time when Frisco, a yellow lab, sprung into action to save his daughter.

"I was waiting for her at the bottom of the stairs, she was coming down with Frisco, and all of a sudden the dog barked," he said. "She said, 'Frisco, I'm not going to have a seizure.' She no sooner got the words out of her mouth and she started to fall. The dog pushed her back, and while she seizures the dog is lying on her with its paws on her and is licking her face."

Janice, a Peterborough resident, was supposed to attend the walk in Haliburton but had to cancel due to illness. She suffers from what are known as grand mal seizures. Common characteristics of these types of seizures include loss of consciousness and violent muscle contractions.

After being on a waitlist for two years, Janice is about to undergo surgery for her

condition.

"Surgeries for grand mal seizures are not recognized by the Ministry of Health, so it's a fight," said Wing. "They only allow 40 a year and there's about 3,000 people waiting for grand mal seizure surgery."

Wing commended the Lions Club for their support of guide dogs and said he's pledged to put any of his future fundraising efforts towards the cause.

"We owe the Lions Club a huge vote of thanks," he said.

"This is one of the most wonderful events for me, personally."

The fifth annual event in Haliburton, which was sponsored by the Haliburton & District Lions Club, had 14 participants and raised \$1,370. The event also included a bake sale and barbecue, and live entertainment from Gord Kidd and Steve Main.

All funds raised from the event will be used to support the work of the Lions Foundation of Canada, which provides service dogs to eligible recipients.

According to David Mills, Haliburton Lions member and event organizer, District A-16 (the district the local club is a part of) raised \$110,000 for the program in the past year.

"This year we're shooting for \$200,000 and thanks to you, we just might make it," he said.

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Submitted by Peggy Foy

Outreach Committee hosts pancake breakfast

Over one hundred happy, well-fed friends and neighbours attended the all-you-can eat Pancake Breakfast at Lochlin United Church on Sept. 22. Hosted by the Outreach Committee, this brunch and bake sale is held every spring and fall to raise funds for a variety of non-profit organizations in Haliburton. For over thirty years, this hard-working group of volunteers has contributed thousands of dollars to Food Banks, H.A.V.E., the Special Olympics, and many others. The people in the community mark their calendars and look forward to enjoying each other's company, while supporting a very worthy group. Complete with pancakes, sausage, and Haliburton maple syrup, at only six dollars a plate, it truly was the best deal in town.



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